

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**PLAINTIFF**

**and**

**ARIENNE JONES, DERIC JONES,  
HERSCHEL WILLIAMS, and  
TANSHENETTA VEALS**

**PLAINTIFF-INTERVENORS**

**V.**

**CAUSE NO. 3:20-CV-729-CWR-LGI**

**SSM PROPERTIES, LLC, STEVEN  
MAULDING, SR., JAMES ROE, and  
SHEILA MAULDING**

**DEFENDANTS**

**ORDER**

Before the Court is the United States' motion for attorney's fees. Docket No. 156. The United States seeks \$2,400 in attorney's fees and \$2,325.35 in travel costs, for a total of \$4,725.35. *Id.*

Because the United States subsequently conducted a judgment debtor exam where it learned that Mr. Roe is presently insolvent, *see* Docket No. 165 at 1, and because "a party's complete inability, due to poverty or insolvency, to comply with an order to pay court-imposed monetary sanctions is a defense to a charge of civil contempt," *In re White-Robinson*, 777 F.3d 792, 798 (5th Cir. 2015) (cleaned up), the motion is denied without prejudice.

**SO ORDERED**, this the 14th day of June, 2024.

s/ Carlton W. Reeves  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE